

HOUSE BILL 1863

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, Part 31, relative to student assignment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 31, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a)

(1) The department of education shall annually report on student placement and teacher effectiveness beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The report shall determine the number of students in each local education agency who were instructed for two (2) consecutive years by two (2) different teachers, each of whom was rated as "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" by their evaluation conducted pursuant to § 49-1-302(d) in the school year before the students were placed in the respective teacher's class.

(2) If a teacher did not instruct students in the school year preceding the school year in which the students are placed in the teacher's class, the teacher's evaluation rating under § 49-1-302(d) for the most recent year in which the teacher instructed students shall be used; provided, that evaluation ratings used shall not precede the 2009-2010 school year.

(3) The report shall be disaggregated by major student subgroups.

(b)

(1) Subsection (a) shall only apply to the instructional subjects of reading, English language arts, and mathematics.

(2) If a student has multiple teachers of record, then subsection (a) shall apply if a student has been instructed for two (2) consecutive years by any teacher of record rated "below expectations" or "significantly below expectations" in reading, English language arts, and mathematics.

(c) The department of education shall compile and annually report the information required in subsection (a) to the state board of education, the education committee of the senate, and the education administration and planning committee and the education instruction and programs committee of the house of representatives. The department of education shall publish the report on its website.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.